Statement-II

The details of ongoing surveys in Maharashtra

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Kms.
1.	Shirput-Mhow New Line	185
2.	Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad New Line	60
3.	Chinchwad and Roha New Line	95
4.	Achalpur-Murtjapur-Yavatmal, Pulgaon-Arvi Gauge Conversion	225
5.	Latur Road-Mudkhed New Line	120
6.	Chhindwara-Nagpur Gauge Conversion	150

Accidents of North Frontier Railway

598. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of railways accidents, including level crossing accidents on North Frontier (NF) Railway during 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and April 2004 onwards;

(b) the number of persons killed in such accidents;

(c) the specific steps taken to avoid such accidents during the period; and

(d) the details of compensation paid and yet to be paid in connection therewith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The following are the details of the consequential train accidents and casualties on North-East Frontier Railway during the period in question:—

Year	2002-03	2003-04*	April-June 04*
Total No. of accidents	38	30	6
Level crossing accidents	5	6	2
Killed	5	13	6

(*Provisional figures)

(c) Safety is the prime concern on Indian Railways and all possible steps are taken to prevent accidents. These measures include adoption of suitable and modern technologies for interlocking and signalling systems upgradation of standards of track and rolling stock, modernization of maintenance practices, replacement of overaged assests, upgradation of training aids like simulators, checks on observance of safety precautions and provision of Anti Collision Device. A Corporate Safety Plan (2003—2013) has also been prepared and is followed.

Steps taken to prevent accidents at level crossing include, manning of unmanned level crossings, interlocking, provision of telephones and other safety aids at the manned level crossings, drives to check alertness of gatemen and train drivers, and education of road users, particularly at unmanned level crossings. Over Bridges/Under Bridges are provided on cost sharing basis in lieu of level crossings with heavy road and rail traffic, in consultation with the concerned State Governments, as per extant rules.

(d) The details of the compensation paid, and yet to be paid in connection with the accidents on North-East Frontier Railway are as under:—

Year	No. of Case in which compensation paid*		Amount paid (In Rupees)		No. of Cases pending*	
	Train accidents	Level crossing accidents	Train accidents	Level crossing accidents	Train accidents	Level crossing accidents
2002-03	8	0	32,00,000	0	9	3
2003-04	0	1	0	2,00,000	10	2
April 04-June-04	0	1	0	5,77,350	10	1

*Includes figures of previous years also.

Abolition of reservation in trains

599. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: